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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 29 March 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment does not comply with the following requirements: Specifically claims 1-9, 15-20, and 32-38 are not included in the listed claims. The claims should be included and identified as "canceled". Appropriate correction is required.

If the amendment adds, changes, or deletes any claim, a <u>listing of all claims</u> that are, or <u>were</u>, in the application, as follows:

- All claims listed in ascending numerical order
- The <u>text of all claims under examination</u>; no text for "canceled" or "withdrawn" claims
- A <u>status identifier</u> for each claim in parentheses after claim number, (for example, "original" or "currently amended")
- All "currently amended" claims should have <u>markings</u> (strikethrough and underlining suggested)
- Grouping of consecutive canceled or withdrawn claims permitted

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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